(b) whether any investigation has been ordered into the alleged export of children to West Germany from the Kalahandi famine area in Orissa as 'bonded labour' under the cover of fake guardianship, if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or are proposing to take to check the racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. (SMT.) RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information received from the State Government of Orissa, which had inquired into the matter ,some children, whose mothers had died after delivery or who were abandoned by their unmarried mothers at the Christian Mission Hospital at Khariar, came under care of the Mission Hospital. The District Court, under the provisions of Guardians and Wards Act 1890, granted necessary clearances, and thereafter these children were sent to West Germany for adoption by issueless German families. The State Government of Orissa have not come across any evidence that children are used as Bonded Labourers. Still the State Government have asked our Embassy in Bonn to verify the condition of children.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा बारी से पहले फ्लैटों का आवंटन

*294. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

1985 के दौरान और 1986 में अब तक कितने विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा कितने कितने फ्लैट बारी से पहले आवंटित किये गये हैं तथा किन-किन व्यक्तियों को ये फ्लैट आवंटित किए गए और उसके क्या कारण हैं?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री अब्दुल गफूर) : दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने अब तक वर्ष 1985 के दौरान 143 फ्लैट तथा 1986 के दौरान 41 फ्लैट बिना बारी के आधार पर आवंटित किए हैं । जिन व्यक्तियों को ये आवंटन किए गए हैं उनके ब्यौरे कारणों सहित अनुलग्नक में दिए गये हैं । (**देखिए परिशिष्ट CXXXVII, अनुपत्र संख्या 27**)

Decline in mica production

@*295. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Mica has gone down considerably from about 10,000 tonnes in 1972 to 3,300 tonnes in 1984;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to increase the production of mica?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Production of crude mica declined from 14,173 tonnes in 1972 to 6,179 tonnes in 1984, and waste and scrap mica from 4916 tonnes in 1972 to 3324 tonnes in 1984.

(b) The reason for the decline in production of crude mica are: decline in the number of working mines; uneconomical workings; poor concentration of mica; falling demand in export market; increase in mining costs of production; influx of water in mica mines through percolation; and non-availability of suitable mining machinery on easy commercial terms.

(c) Increase in production depends on the demand for mica. The Central Government have set up a Working Group to monitor and review the progress in setting up of mica based industries. The group is required to recommend the entire range of policy resources that will be required to stimulate the establishment of mica based industries. This would help

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